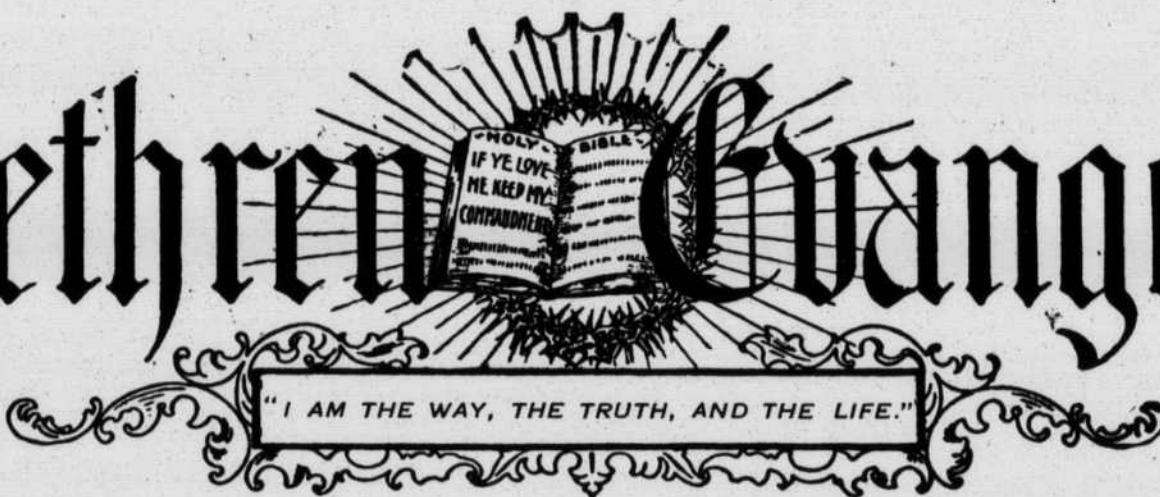


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Editorial.

ARE you in need of a first-class teacher's Bible? For \$2.75 we will send you the EVANGELIST one year and one of these Bibles. It is not a cheap edition, but first-class in every respect.

THERE is no reason why the present conference year should not be the most fruitful in the history of our church in three particulars: The conversion of souls and the extension of our borders; the development of a deeper spirituality, and third in the amount of practical service for Christ and humanity.

THE United States Commissioner of Pensions has issued an order requiring employees of the Pension Bureau to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, not only during office hours, but at all other times, under penalty of dismissal from the service. The business world is coming to recognize the value of total abstinence.

THE usual winter revival work in our churches is opening up very nicely. Read again the editorial from the *Outlook* on the "Campaign of the Church." Pastors should outline their work for the winter, have a definite object in view, unite the forces of the congregation on some special service, and then set to work in earnest to carry out the plans. Get your young people and Sunday-schools and Sisters' society to take up some special church work and follow it up with strong, spiritual sermons, prayers and words of encouragement.

THE several branches of church work were never better organized in the Brethren church than they are to-day. We have a well organized Sisters' society doing excellent work; our young people are carrying on a successful warfare; we have a well organized National Mission Board, and quite a number of district Mission Boards; our Sunday-schools are well equipped for the work entrusted to them;

we also have a National Ministerial Association, and a Missionary Reading Circle. If we fail in our work it is not for a lack of proper organization, but because we do not properly work our machinery. It is not more machinery that we need, but more zeal and enthusiasm to keep going what we do have. Christ, the captain of our salvation, is the director of all this machinery, the word of God is our guide, the Holy Spirit is the power.

THERE are many humble Christians whose heart longs to do some service for the Master, but seemingly no opportunity presents itself as they can see. Read the following from Rev. E. P. Hammond and you will know what service there is even for the poorest of Christ's disciples. He says: "A little boy in Washington took home from our meeting one of those floral tracts, and said, 'Mother, I have given my heart to Jesus to-day. Here is a tract Mr. Hammond gave us. Won't you read it to me?' A thoughtless young woman listened as the tract was read to the boy. At the close she burst into tears, and said: 'Pray for me, for I too need to come to Jesus and have my sins forgiven.' The next day in the congregation she arose, and in a modest, tearful way told the story of her conversion."

VERY few people realize the vast possessions of "Uncle Sam." The following from the *Ladies' Home Journal* gives some idea of our dimensions: "The area of the United States is 3,025,600 square miles; with Alaska it is 3,602,990 square miles, equal to the area of all Europe, with Italy and Turkey excepted. Texas, its largest State, is two hundred and twelve times the size of Rhode Island. Texas, might invite every man, woman and child now living in the world to settle within its territory, offering each individual a plot of ground forty-nine and a half feet by one hundred feet. The State would not be really crowded, for each individual would have four times the space taken by each person in New York city. England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Italy and Portugal

could be transplanted to Texas, and there would still be room for a good-sized promenade where curious Americans could walk while studying this bit of Europe. Three of the cattle ranches of Texas cover as much territory as the Sandwich Islands, which we were to annex four years ago.

By direction of Congress, the Department of Agriculture at Washington is investigating the character and extent of the adulteration of foods and drugs. It is generally believed that adulteration, sophistication, imitation and misbranding of foods, drugs and liquors exist to a very great extent. A. J. Wedderburn, the special agent of the Department, asks the assistance and co-operation of all interested to furnish facts and data touching the work above referred to. Any information on this subject will be very thankfully received by the Department. Such information can be sent either direct to this office or to the Department at Washington. If any of our readers are in a position to get definite information on the subject they will do the public a lasting service by reporting the same.

IT is high time that the women begin to wage a war against the cruel destruction of our birds for the adornment of their heads and bodies. The *Christian Advocate* of New York, very truthfully says: The movement for the protection of our birds from the ravages of their archenemy, the milliners, is becoming more and more widespread. The milliners, of course, are not the primary or original culprits. The chief responsibility for wicked slaughter of our birds lies at the doors of those women who insist upon having their hats adorned with the heads, wings, or entire bodies of the birds. The editor of "Natural Science" assures us that we can hardly realize the rate at which some of our rarest and most beautiful birds are being destroyed to gratify this extraordinary and, in a sense, vicious taste. At the annual meeting of the Selborne Society in London it was reported that on April 13 last